

Senate Study Bill 3058 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON DANIELSON)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act providing for ongoing absentee voter status.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 53.4 Ongoing absentee voter.

2 A registered voter applying for an absentee ballot under

3 section 53.2 may request to receive an absentee ballot for

4 all subsequent elections in which that person is eligible to

5 vote and qualifies under section 53.1. The state commissioner

6 shall provide check boxes on the prescribed form for this

7 purpose. For all subsequent elections, the county commissioner

8 of elections shall automatically mail an absentee ballot to the

9 requesting voter, or automatically deliver an absentee ballot

10 if the requester is a confined person pursuant to section

11 53.22. A voter's status as an ongoing absentee voter shall

12 be terminated upon the request of the voter or by the county

13 commissioner if the voter fails to qualify under section 53.1.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill allows an absentee voter to receive absentee
18 ballots for all subsequent elections without having to reapply
19 before each election. A person's status as an ongoing absentee
20 voter can be terminated by that person or by the county
21 commissioner of elections if the person fails to qualify as an
22 absentee voter.